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LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE FACILITY IN VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to extend private sector participation under Revenue Sharing basis some other States in order to connect all the rural areas by telephone in the country by 2002; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Basic Telephone Service Licensees can appoint franchisees for provision of last mile linkages including suitable rural exchanges to provide service.